(d) whether it is a fact that release of detenus on the recommendations of Justice Bains Commission has resulted in increases in terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Consequent to Operation Blue Star, an insignificant proportion Sikh troops serving in serveral units located throughout the country, committed mutiny, desertion and other offences including murder. The number involved against whom action was initiated is 2337, all belonging to other Ranks No Officers or JCO deserted. An overwhelmingly large number demonstrated the loyalty and patriotism that have always been displayed by Sikh troops.

In addition, 393 personnel consisting of 65 Officers, 104 JCOs and 224 Other Ranks were proceeded against for other acts of indiscipline such as failure of cammand, dereliction of duty etc.

Thus, a total of 2,730 personnel were tried by Court Martial or sumamarily or administratively dealt with in accordance with the gravity of offences. Proceedings have completed in 2,726 cases of whom 2292 persons have been retained in service after minor punishments or exoneration and after considering petitions against dismissal or discharge. 434 persons not retained in service include 276 persons undergoing rigorous imprisonment in civil jails with dismissal and 158 persons not retained due to lack of allegiance or being unwilling to serve or being not found suitable medically.

The Government of Punjab had requested that in the case of persons serving sentences in military or civil prisons the dismissal orders may be set aside and they should be reinstated on completion of their sentences. All cases of persons involved including their petitions against dismissal, have been considered with fairness and due leniency, giving full consideration to the emotional and psychological factors associated with these incidents and the bulk of the persons have been reinstated in service. Considering the serious nature of the offences committed an amnesty to all persons involved cannot be considered.

The Justice Bains Commission was not concerned with cases of these Army personnel. As far as the other cases examined by that Commission are concerned, according to the Government of Punjab no direct connection has been established between the release of detenues and the increased in terrorist activities.

Reports of Mathew and Venkatramaiah Commission

3214. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the findings and recommendations of the reports of the Mathew Commission and Venkatramaiah Commission about the inter-state boundary issue between Punjab and Haryana; and

(b) whether Government propose to place these reports on the Table of the House and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In its report submitted on 25.1.86 the Mathew Commission, after indentifying the Hindi-speaking villages and towns in the Fazilka-Abohar areas, has not recommended their transfer to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh on account of the criterion of contiguity not being satisfied. The Commission has

left it to the Government to take such suitable steps as it deems fit including the appointment of another Commission to determine the areas to be transferred to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh. The Venkataramiah Commission, in its report submitted on 10.6.86, has *inter-alia* recommended that an area of about 70,000 acres should be transferred from Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh and that the Government may appoint another Commission to specify the territories consisting of about 70,000 acres which may be transferred in lieu of Chandigarh. These reports have not been laid before Parliament so far as there is no statutov obligation for doing so.

Arrest of Editor 'Dalit Voice'

3215. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the two issues August 15, 1985 and March 1, 1986 of the fortnighly 'Dalit Voice' of Shri V.T.R. Shetty wherein prokhalistan and other highly objectionable matter was published and that Shri Shetty has been found to be connected with foreign elements;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chandigarh Police arrested him on August 12 last under the anti-terrorists law and took remand for him from a special court but later on withdrew the case;

(c) if so, what are the reasons of his arrest and his release; and

(d) whether the Central Government had any knowledge of the developments of this case and if so, what advice was given to the Chandigarh police before his arrest and thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amounts pent on lottery adverstisements

3216. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: ....
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Central and and State Governments during each of the last three years over lottery advertisements;

(b) the estimated amounts received and the savings made from the lotteries as a result of these advertisements and the invstments made out of these savings; and

(c) what are these figures about the Churhat Children Welfare Society lottery and whether or not it had violated certain central guidelines for lotteries *e.g.* ceilings on the value of top prizes and prices of tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report of Thakkar Commission

3217. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: ..

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thakkar Commission was appointed to inquire into the lapses in the security arrangements of the late Prime Minister;

(b) whether precautions were taken to protect the Late General Vaidya and other VIP persons suspected to be in the hit-lists of terrorists in the light of its find ings; and

(c) whether non-publication of the Commission report has helped matters?